

Long Term Remediation Outreach Plan – Phase 1

Plan Duration: Through Nov 30, 2015

Outreach Purpose: EPA will support CDPHE in community outreach regarding long term remediation of the Upper Animas Watershed. The goals of this initial phase of outreach are as follows:

- gathering information about stakeholder goals for the Upper Animas Watershed;
- understanding concerns about a possible Superfund NPL designation and gauging level of support.
- providing accurate information about long-term remediation strategies, agency tools including the NPL and funding sources.
- providing options for stakeholder involvement leading up to a superfund designation (ie bringing in a neutral facilitator) and understanding how each entity would like to participate in next steps.
- identifying key point of contacts within each group/entity for future discussions

Strategy: Overall the strategy relies on small group meetings with individual stakeholder groups to listen, gather and share information. Over the next 2 months conduct a series of one-on-one or small group meetings to gather and provide information which will lead to designing next steps. It is possible that San Juan and La Plata County or others may want to take the lead in organizing broader stakeholder meetings so this strategy is fluid. EPA may be asked to attend stakeholder meetings organized by outside entities to provide information about the NPL and Superfund process and should be prepared to do so alongside CDPHE. When possible EPA and CDPHE will attend meetings jointly. When appropriate, the EPA CIC will conduct meetings/calls to maximize efficiency. Additionally, La Plata County plans to tour other Colorado Superfund sites with CDPHE and, if appropriate, EPA staff/managers will attend.

At this end of this initial phase, recommendations will be made regarding next steps.

Detailed Communication Actions

| Stakeholder Category | Stakeholder Affiliation/Name | Meeting Format | Primary Issues | Who | When |
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| Local Elected Officials | Silverton Town Administrator, Bill Gardner | One-on-one discussion: in person | Understanding the “Silverton Proposal”, interests, concerns and level of support for NPL. | CDPHE, Monica Sheets | Sept 23 |
| | La Plata County Commissioner, Julie XXXX | One-on-one discussion: phone call | Understanding the interests, concerns and level of support for NPL and thoughts on how to inform commissioners | CDPHE, Monica Sheets | Sept 30 |
| | San Juan County and Silverton representative, Anthony Edwards | Meeting with Cynthia and Denver on Conference call | Discuss previous Questions | Cynthia P; Joan Card, Johanna Miller and Bill Murray | Week of Oct 5 |
| | La Plata County Administrator, XXXX | One-on-one discussion: in person or phone | Understanding the interests, concerns and level of support for NPL. | CDPHE, Monica Sheets or Cynthia Peterson | Week of Oct 12 |
| | La Plata County Commission Chair, Gwen L. | One-on-one discussion: in person or phone | Understanding the interests, concerns and level of support for NPL and thoughts on how to inform commissioners | EPA, Shaun McGrath and/or CDPHE Martha Rudolf | Week of Oct 5 or 12th |
| | San Juan County Administrator, Joe Kirby | One-on-one discussion: in person or phone | Understanding the interests, concerns and level of support for NPL and thoughts on how to inform commissioners | CDPHE, Monica Sheets or Cynthia Peterson | Week of Oct 12 |
| | City of Durango, Mayor Brookie or City Administrator | One-on-one discussion: in person or phone | Understanding the interests, concerns and level of support for NPL and thoughts on how to | Shaun and Martha? | Week of Oct 12 |

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| | | | inform city council | | |
| | As requested with various elected boards (San Juan County Commissioners, La Plata County Commissioners, etc) | Working sessions | Scope of cleanup, cleanup approach, NPL, next steps and community concerns & questions | CDPHE: Monica Sheets, Doug Jamison; EPA: J. Miller V. Ketellapper; B Murray | As requested |
| | La Plata and San Juan County officials | Site Tours of Colorado SF Sites organized by La Plata County | | CDPHE lead | To Be Scheduled by La Plata County |
| State Agencies | DNR, Executive Director, Mike King | One-on-one discussion: in person or phone | Understanding the interests, concerns, ideas about long term remediation options and level of support for NPL. | EPA, Shaun McGrath and/or CDPHE Martha Rudolf | |
| | DRMS Director, Ginny Brannon | One-on-one discussion: in person or phone | Understanding the interests, concerns, ideas about long term remediation options and level of support for NPL; ideas for next steps | CDPHE: Monica Sheets, EPA: J. Miller | |
| Tribal Governments | Southern Ute Environmental Director and staff | In person meeting (perhaps combine with Ute Mtn Ute) | Scope of cleanup, cleanup approach, NPL, next steps and community concerns/ meeting | CDPHE: Monica Sheets, Doug Jamison; EPA: J. Miller V. Ketellapper; B Murray; R Brown | |
| | Ute Mountain Ute Environmental Director and staff | In person meeting | Scope of cleanup, cleanup approach, NPL, next steps and community concerns/ meeting | CDPHE: Monica Sheets, Doug Jamison; EPA: J. Miller V. Ketellapper; B | |

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| NGOs and Other Stakeholders | ARSG Coordinators | In person meeting | Scope of cleanup, cleanup approach, NPL, next steps and community concerns/ Meet with coordinators | Murray CDPHE: Monica Sheets, Doug Jamison; EPA: J. Miller V. Ketellapper; B Murray | |
| | Trout Unlimited | In person meeting | | CDPHE: Monica Sheets, Doug Jamison; EPA: J. Miller V. Ketellapper; B Murray | |
| | State Elected Officials representing Animas River Region | | Scope of cleanup, cleanup approach, NPL, next steps and community concerns/ individual or group meeting | CDPHE | |
| Other Federal Agencies | US Forest Service and BLM executive Level | In person meeting or phone | Understanding the interests, concerns, ideas about long term remediation options and level of support for NPL. | Shaun and/or Martin | |
| | US FS and BLM mid management and staff (with DRMS staff?) | In person meeting in SW Colorado | Scope of cleanup, cleanup approach, NPL, data availability next steps | Victor K; Rob Parker | Week of Oct 12 |
| Congressional Delegation | | | Results of community discussion, next steps | S. McGrath | Mid Nov |

Information/Outreach materials needed:

- Example letters of support from local governments and State Governor
- Fact Sheets on Superfund Generally and the Upper Animas specifically
- General Powerpoint presentation including what we know about the water quality in the Upper Animas and the mining district
- Q&A's about Superfund
- Talking Points on EPA/CDPHE recommendation about a path forward and why